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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR CLASSIFICATION AND DOWNGRADING
INSTRUCTIONS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAG: PFOR, UK, NU

SUBJECT: BRITISH EMBASSIES TO CLOSE

1. ON AUGUST 5, BRITISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OFFICIALLY INFORMED GON
THAT BRITISH EMBASSY IN NICARAGUA WILL BE CLOSED NOT LATER THAN
DECEMBER 31, 1975. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSING WILL BE DELAYED
UNTIL EXACT DATE HAS BEEN DETERMINED; HOWEVER, WORD HAS ALREADY
SPREAD WIDELY.

2. BRITISH CHARGE TOLD DCM THAT THE EMBASSY IN TEGUCIGALPA
WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AS WILL FIVE EMBASSIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE
WORLD.

3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN COSTA RICA
WILL BE ACCREDITED ALSO TO NICARAGUA WHILE THE AMBASSADOR IN
PANAMA IS EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONDURAS.

4. REASON GIVEN FOR ALL CLOSINGS IS BRITISH ECONOMIC SITUATION
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AND NEED TO REDUCE FOREIGN EXPENDITURES. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY

TRUE, BUT THERE IS A QUESTION AS TO WHY NICARAGUA, WHICH HAS
HISTORICAL TIES WITH ENGLAND, WAS SELECTED RATHER THAN EL SALVADOR.

5. PRESIDENT SOMOZA TOLD AMBASSADOR SHELTON ON AUGUST 6
THAT HE WILL MAKE VERY STRONG EFFORTS THROUGH HIS AMBASSADOR IN
LONDON TO HAVE THE DECISION REVERSED. THERE SEEMS LITTLE POSSIBILITY
THAT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.
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